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1. POINTING OUT THE RHODESIAN RETALIATORY ATTACK ON GUERILLA CAMPS IN MOZAMBIQUE AS A "POLITICAL MISTAKE" THE KUALA LUMPUR NEW STRAITS TIMES SAYS:

2. "THE RETALIATORY ATTACK MADE BY RHODESIAN TROOPS ON THE GUERILLA CAMP IN MOZAMBIQUE MIGHT HAVE BEEN A MILITARY SUCCESS. IT WAS A POLITICAL MISTAKE. IT WAS NEITHER CLEVER NOR WELL-CALCULATED -- UNLESS THE INTENTION WAS TO BRING DOWN ON SALISBURY'S HEAD THE COMBINED CONDEMNATION OF THE NON-ALIGNED WORLD NOW GATHERING IN COLOMBO, EVEN SOUTH AFRICA AND RHODESIA'S REMAINING FRIENDS CANNOT BUT BE AGHAST AT THE TIMING, SUNDAY'S KILLING OF MORE THAN 300 AFRICAN NATIONALIST GUERILLAS, 30 MOZAMBIQUE SOLDIERS AND 10 CIVILIANS DRAMATISES THE ISSUE OF WHITE SUPERMACIST MEGIMES AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AND MUST PUSH IT VERY MUCH HIGHER UP THE COLOMBO AGENDA,"

3. MALAY-LANGUAGE BERITA HARIAN CALLED THE ATTACK "A STARK VIOLATION" OF MOZAMBIQUE'S SOVEREIGNTY:

4. "THE RHODESIAN ATTACK WHICH KILLED MORE THAN THREE HUNDRED FREEDOM FIGHTERS IN MOZAMBIQUE LAST SUNDAY WAS A STARK VIOLATION ON THE SOVEREIGNTY OF AN INDEPENDENT NATION. IF THE SMITH REGIME THINKS THE ATTACK WOULD

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FRIGHTEN THE FIGHTERS, IT HAS YET TO LEARN THE ASPIRATION

OF THE AFRICANS. THE NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE IN COLOMBO
SHOULD DISCUSS THE ISSUE AND EXERTS ITS INFLUENCE OVER
COUNTRIES BACKING THE SALISBURY GOVERNMENT." ITEM.
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